

Self-Directed Out-of-Class Language Learning with Technology

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Prof. Chun LAI is an Associate Professor and the Unit Head of the Academic Unit of Language and Literacy Education, Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong. Her research interests are in technology and language education, with a special focus on technology-enhanced language learning beyond the classroom. Prof. Lai has published extensively in this field, with two monographs “Autonomous Language Learning with Technology beyond the Classroom” and “Insights into Autonomy and Technology in Language Teaching”

Abstract:

The omnipresence of technology has made out-of-class learning a common phenomenon in language learning. Language learning is increasingly taking place outside the classroom in the digital spaces. Out-of-class language learning has been found to contribute uniquely and significantly to language development, and influence learners’ in-class language learning experience. However, existing second language research has been focusing predominantly on language teaching and learning inside the classroom, with insufficient attention to this important venue of language learning. In this talk, Prof. Lai will walk you through the empirical and curriculum argument for self-directed language learning beyond the classroom, and discuss how to promote self-directed out-of-class learning with technology with some of her research with language teachers and learners in Hong Kong and mainland China.